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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cong Lu

Application No.: 10/773,519

Filed: February 6, 2004

For: METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR
FABRICATING A HALFTONE MASK
FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6543

Examiner: Chuong A. Luu

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2818

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
Mailed April 24, 2006

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time to file this response is being submitted herewith.

A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.